

Waddell School Governance Council

Date: February 12, 2015

Time: 6:30pm **Location:** Principal's Office

Members Present:

Parents

Allison Peek
Tracy Maio
Jerry Bldwell
Autumn Struk
Jessica Carter
Melanie Stefanovicz

School Staff

Mike Moynihan
Renee Bryan
Nancy Casey
Terry Doherty
Devra Daigle
Janice Medynski

Members Absent:

Joyce Rivera
Melissa DeJesus
Karen Taylor will be joining next mtg in place of Carolyn P.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- Approved

Meeting Materials & Handouts:

1. NWEA – Fall 2014
2. Waddell School – Parent Compact
3. CSCI – Parent/Guardian Survey
4. 6172.4 Title 1 Parent Involvement
5. Assessment Calendar

Meeting Minutes:

- **DISCUSSION: School Achievement Data**
 - Types of achievement data
 - NWEA – Nationally standardized test – taken in Sep & May
 - K-2: DRA (Sept, Jan, May)
 - Grade 3-5: F&P (Sept, Feb, May)
 - Grade 3-5: Smarter Balance (March)
 - Grade 5: CMT Science
 - Keyboard skills were a concern. For K,1,2: Studies show not advantageous to teach more than hunt and peck typing.
 - Discrepancy of socio-economic levels to NEWA scores
 - Title 1 is related to % Free/Reduced lunches, not testing scores
 - Title 1 Tutors are available to Title 1 schools
 - "Title 1 Tutors" are far preferred by teachers than "para's"
 - Budget for 2015-2016 = Mike requested more title 1 tutors

- In regards to NWEA fall data: Special Education - what is our % in comparison to other Manchester Schools? What is the % of modified testing vs other schools?
- How to boost Waddell Achievement Data:
 - Summer Slump: Mid-year data will give qualification for summer SAM Program
 - Saturday Academy: like a mini excursion in learning
 - Enrichments:
 - After-school enrichments
 - Suspended kids from high school – community service at elementary
 - High school – elementary prep classes, community requirements
 - After-school tutoring
- **DISCUSSION: school-parent compact**
 - ADDITION to "School Roles & Responsibilities"
 - be there as a resource for the family
 - ADDITION to "Parent Roles & Responsibilities"
 - keep the children of Waddell safe by abiding by the school drop-off and pick-up procedures
 - recognize the school as a resource and reach out when needed.
 - ADDITION to "Student Roles & Responsibilities"
 - show respect for self, respect for others, respect for school
 - ask for help and to reach out to school staff with questions or needs.
 - REMOVE line from "Student Roles & Responsibilities"
 - Learn and practice "Megaskills" to develop....
- **DISCUSSION: 16172.4 Title 1 Parent Involvement**
 - Encouraging family engagement:
 - Home visits by teachers
 - August "meet & greet"
 - "Hopes & Dreams" parent/teacher conferences

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

- March: By-Laws Review, vote to make above noted changes to school-parent compact
- April: Review School Achievement Data

Upcoming Meetings:

- Thurs, 3/12 6:30pm
- Thurs, 4/9 6:30pm
- Thurs, 5/7 6:30pm
- Mon, 6/1 6:30pm